

EXECUTIVE ORDERGOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON AIDS

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WHEREAS, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, which causes the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) has had a dramatic impact on virtually every aspect of society today and has generated major social, political, economic, and legal questions.

WHEREAS, every level of government, the educational system, the corporate community, the health care profession, the insurance industry, and many other institutions in the United States have been confronted with the numerous issues associated with the disease.

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, over 70,000 AIDS cases have been reported in the United States since 1981, and 56% of these people have died.

WHEREAS, since 1981, 543 cases have been reported among Arizona residents and, based on the current trend, Arizona can expect another 1,500 cases within five years.

WHEREAS, Arizona residents have indicated a high degree of concern about the problem, and studies show that people want information about the disease and they want their children to be made aware of the facts about AIDS.

WHEREAS, knowing the facts about AIDS can help prevent the spread of the disease, and this involves the development and implementation of programs to meet the needs of the total community as well as specific target groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona by the Constitution and the laws of this State, I, Rose Mofford, hereby create the Governor's Task Force on AIDS and order and direct:

1. The Task Force shall:

- * Review the Surgeon General's Report on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Centers for Disease Control reports, Arizona Department of Health Services research, and other relevant documentation regarding the disease.
- * Evaluate current State laws, public policies and procedures regarding surveillance, screening and testing, confidentiality, contact tracing, discrimination, education, employment, insurance, special populations, health care services, and financing.
- * Solicit comments, opinions, and suggestions from interested and involved public officials, public agencies, private groups, affected populations, and the general public.
- * Identify specific State health care services, educational needs, insurance requirements, and support services required by the impact of the disease.
- * Develop methods to encourage increased communication and cooperation among all public and private agencies concerned about the issue.

- * Develop a comprehensive state strategic plan with proposed public policies for the State of Arizona.
 - * Consider any other issues, programs, or proposals that the Governor and the Chairperson believe are appropriately related to the responsibilities of the Task Force.
 - * Submit a final report containing findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House.
2. The Task Force shall be appointed by, and serve without compensation, and at the pleasure of the Governor.
 3. The Governor shall designate from among the membership a Chairperson.
 4. The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chairperson.
 5. The Task Force shall report to the Governor its initial findings and recommendations no later than June 1, 1989 and submit a final report by October 1, 1989. The Task Force shall complete its work no later than October 1, 1990.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



Rose Mofford

G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Fifteenth day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twelfth.

ATTEST:

Jim Shumway
Secretary of State